



**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Attorney Docket No.27581U

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

CAHILL et al.	Confirmation No.	8358
Serial No. 10/589,487	Art Unit:	1643
Filed: November 9, 2006	Examiner:	NATARAJAN, M.
For:	<b>DIAGNOSTIC METHOD FOR CANCER</b>	

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 31, 2009. The shortened three month shortened statutory period to respond expired on March 31, 2009. As such, a petition requesting a two-month extension of time is attached hereto. The petition extends the period for response until May 31, 2009, which fell on a Sunday. So, this response is being filed the next business day. Therefore, this is a timely filed response.

In view of the following, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner allow all the claims pending in the application.